

**Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. A paint brush cleaning accessory comprising:

5 a support plate having a number of brush handle passage openings formed therethrough, a spring guide insert connected to a top side of the support plate such that the exterior perimeter edge thereof is adjacent to each of the brush handle passage openings, a paint brush support plate connected to a top of the spring guide insert and having a number of inward curving brush handle receiving  
10 notches equal to the number of brush handle passage openings, one brush handle receiving notch being positioned partially above one of the brush handle passage openings, and a handle retaining spring positioned around the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert and having the two spring ends thereof attached together to  
15 form a closed loop; the brush handle retaining spring being sufficiently strong to retain a handle of a paintbrush pushed through a brush handle passage opening of the support plate and between the a handle retaining spring positioned around the exterior perimeter edge of the spring guide insert. The paint brush  
20 cleaning accessory may optionally be provided with a hanging support structure in supporting connection with the support plate;

a compressional support/attachment structure in connection with a bottom side of the support plate, such as two or more can insert snaps extending from the bottom surface of the support plate; or both a hanging support structure and a compressional  
5 support/attachment structure.

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